

## **PROGRAM STATUS AND STRATEGIES**

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comment periods are held for 20 days, during which time both written and oral comments are accepted.

- **Public Hearings.** The Army holds public hearings during the formal comment periods to record oral comments. A copy of the transcript of the public hearing is made available in the information repositories.
- **Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).** A RAB was created in February 1994. Meetings are generally held monthly and are open to the public. Meetings are announced in the local newspapers and topics of discussion are planned prior to the meetings.

Additionally, Fort Devens adopted the following strategy to support a proactive community relations program:

- Coordination with the Cooperating Agency in determining the future land uses of Fort Devens will continue.
- Continue to update the existing CRP.
- Maintain the administrative record, mailing lists, and information repositories. The locations of the four information repositories for Fort Devens are as follows:

1. Ayer Public Library  
26 East Main Street  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-8250

3. Lancaster Public Library  
P.O. Box 5  
Lancaster, MA 01523  
(978) 368-8928

2. Hazen Memorial Library  
P.O. Box 1129  
Shirley, MA 01464  
(978) 425-2620

4. Harvard Public Library  
P.O. Box 666  
Harvard, MA 01451  
(978) 456-4114

A fifth repository, the Davis Library on Fort Devens, was closed summer, 1997.

- Continue to provide information and support in the development of fact sheets, public notifications, public information meetings, and public hearings.
- Continue to conduct monthly RAB meetings.